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August 18, 2009

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

43 AUGUST 18, 2009

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF MONTE NIDO AND VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to ratify changes in work and accept completed public works construction contracts in the unincorporated community of Monte Nido and various unincorporated communities throughout the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. RDC0014714 - Piuma Road East of Mile Marker 2.81, to construct a retaining wall and reconstruct roadway, in the unincorporated community of Monte Nido, performed by Lincoln General Insurance Co., with a final contract amount of \$759,646.33.
- Project ID No. RDC0015060 - As-Needed Traffic Signal Construction, 2007 08, to install and modify traffic signals, in various unincorporated communities throughout the County of Los Angeles, performed by Steiny and Company, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$1,036,585.77, and a final contract amount of \$913,319.23.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) ratification of Director of Public Works-approved changes in a public works contract and your Board's acceptance of the work of contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work, which the Director of Public Works ordered for Project ID No. RDC0015060.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Acceptance of these contracts completes the work to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The modification to Project ID No. RDC0015060 contract amount is a credit of \$1,036,585.77, while the final values of each of the contracts are \$759,646.33 and \$913,319.23, respectively.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of these changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014714 - PIUMA ROAD EAST OF MILE MARKER 2.81 (in the unincorporated community of Monte Nido), Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: Lincoln General Insurance Co., 4902 Eisenhower Boulevard, Suite 155, Tampa, Florida 33634

Project Description:

Construction of a soldier-pile retaining wall, concrete barrier, guardrail, and reconstruction of existing roadway pavement.

Project Completion Date:

On May 1, 2007, your Board found the original contractor G. Coast Construction, Inc., and its principal owner and president, Ezra Levi (collectively "G. Coast"), in default for not complying in good faith with the contract and authorized the Director of Public Works to serve written notice on the project surety Lincoln General Insurance Co. to complete the work of the contract.

Lincoln General Insurance Co. assumed the contract, submitted an acceptable remediation plan, and completed work on February 26, 2009.

Final Contract Amount:

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| Original contract amount | \$552,103.00 |
| Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by your Board prior to G. Coast default | <u>207,543.33</u> |
| FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT | <u>\$759,646.33</u> |
| Percent total change to original contract amount | 37.6% |

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015060 - AS-NEEDED TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION, 2007-08 (in various unincorporated communities throughout the County of Los Angeles), All Supervisorial Districts

Contractor: Steiny and Company, Inc., 12907 East Garvey Avenue, Baldwin Park, California 91706

Project Description:

Installation and modification of traffic signals on an as-needed basis.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 28, 2009, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

This contract provided for the installation and modification of traffic signals throughout the County of Los Angeles on an as-needed basis for a period of one year. The original contract amount was based on estimated items of work needed for the one-year period. However, the actual amount of traffic signal work performed was less than originally anticipated. This resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$1,036,585.77.

Revised Contract Amount:

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| Original contract amount | \$ 1,949,905.00 |
| Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works | (<u>1,036,585.77</u>) |
| FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT | \$ <u>913,319.23</u> |
| Percent total change to original contract amount | -53% |

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